

IHO CSPCWG8, 29 November – 2 December 2011

## Logistics Information

Finnish Transport Agency is pleased to welcome CSPCWG members to Turku, Finland for CSPCWG8.

### Meeting Venue

The meeting will be held at the Radisson Blu Marina Palace Hotel (Tue, Thu, Fri) and on board MS Galaxy (Wed). The meeting will commence at 09:00 on Tuesday morning and should be closed by lunchtime on Friday.

#### **Radisson Blu Marina Palace Hotel**

Linnankatu 32, 20100 Turku

<http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-turku>

#### **MS Galaxy**

Archipelago Sea, between Turku and Mariehamn

<http://www.tallinksilja.com/en/shipsAndTerminals/galaxy/>

### Registration

Please email your intention to attend the meeting **before 22 October 2011** to Mikko Hovi ([mikko.hovi@fta.fi](mailto:mikko.hovi@fta.fi)) and Andrew Heath-Coleman ([andrew.coleman@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.coleman@ukho.gov.uk)).

All attendees must also send their name, date of birth in full and nationality to Mrs. Ulla Muurikainen ([ulla.muurikainen@fta.fi](mailto:ulla.muurikainen@fta.fi)) **by 22 October 2011**. This information is required by the shipping company for passenger manifest.

### Lunch

Lunch will be provided each day during the meeting.

### Accommodation

A block reservation has been made at

#### **Radisson Blu Marina Palace Hotel**

Linnankatu 32

20100 Turku

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F: +358 20 123 4711  
E: info.turku@radissonblu.com  
W: <http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-turku>

Rates (per night per room) for standard rooms are 89.50 € (single occupancy) or 109.50 € (double occupancy). These rates include a buffet breakfast and are valid 27 November – 2 December 2011. Reservations should be made directly with hotel by phone, fax or email **before 27 October 2011**. The group name “IHO CSPCWG” must be quoted in the reservation.

Other room types and their rates can be enquired directly from the hotel.

## Social Program

On Wednesday 30 November the meeting will be held on board MS Galaxy, which is one of the several cruise ferries between Finland and Sweden. MS Galaxy will leave Turku at 8:15 for Mariehamn, Åland Islands and Stockholm, Sweden. The meeting will end at 12:30, an hour before MS Galaxy arrives in Mariehamn.

In Mariehamn, there will be an immediate change over to MS Silja Europa for return trip. Lunch (Christmas Buffet) will be served at 14:00 on board MS Silja Europa. After the lunch, the rest of the return trip across the Archipelago Sea ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archipelago\\_Sea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archipelago_Sea)), will be free time for every one to enjoy the scenery as well as the entertainment and services on board.

MS Silja Europa will arrive in Turku at 19:15.

FTA will cover the cost of the cruise for CSPCWG meeting attendees. Guests are welcome to join the cruise at their own expense. Tickets are available through Silja Line (<http://www.tallinksilja.com/>) or a sales agent. Prices start with 36 € (buffet lunch included) or 16 € (no prepaid meals). (Note: When using the online booking on TallinkSilja's web site, a short cruise to Åland should be booked as 'Return' trip Turku – Mariehamn, not as 'Cruise'.)

## Getting to Turku

Turku can be reached through Turku Airport or Helsinki Airport. Turku Airport is quite small and therefore Helsinki Airport will be an excellent alternative if you can't find a convenient connection all the way to Turku or if you would like to spend a day or two also in Helsinki.

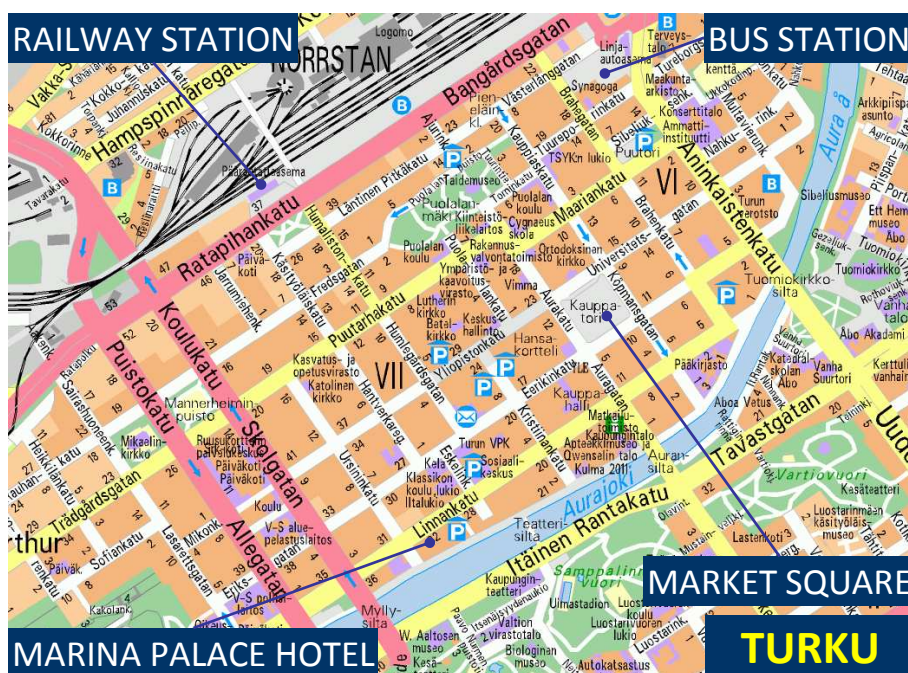
**Turku Airport (TKU)** (<http://www.turkuairport.fi/>) is a small international airport located 8 km north of the city centre. There are direct flights to Turku from Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Tallinn, Riga and few other northern European cities.

Bus line 1 runs every 20 minutes between the airport and city centre (Market Square), fare 2.50 €, duration 25 min. Travelling by taxi takes 20 minutes and costs ca. 22 €.

**Helsinki Airport (HEL)** (<http://www.helsinkiairport.fi/>) is located 170 km east of Turku. Helsinki Airport has several daily non-stop connections from various cities in Asia and North America and all major airports in Europe.

Turku can easily be reached from Helsinki Airport either by train or by coach. *Trains* (<http://www.vr.fi/en>) run every hour between 6 am and 11 pm from Helsinki Central to Turku Central, single ticket 30-35 €, duration 2 hours. To get to the Helsinki central railway station from the airport, take HSL bus 615 (35-45 min, 4 €), Finnair City Bus (35 min, 6.20 €) or taxi (30 min, 35-40 €). Both buses terminate at the railway station. (<http://www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/to-and-from/bus-and-taxi-service>)

*Coach connections* (<http://www.expressbus.fi/en>) between Helsinki Airport and Turku Bus Station take ca. 2½ hours and usually include a transfer in Espoo (25 min from the airport). The transfer is coordinated by the drivers, who will also take care of your luggage. Tickets are bought from the driver and a single ticket costs around 29 €. Buses leave approximately every hour.



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## Climate

During the last week of November it is usually late fall or early winter in Turku. Rain or snowfall may be expected. The average temperature is around -1°C, but can vary between -20°C and +10°C. It is wise to check <http://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/weather/Turku> for the latest forecast before travelling.

## Daylight

During the meeting sunrise is at 9 am and sunset at 3:30 pm.

## The two languages

Finland has two official languages – Finnish and Swedish. Pay attention to place names when travelling. A road leading to Åbo will take you to Turku, too. Street and road signs in Turku and Helsinki are in both languages.



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## Tourist information

Turku is the European Capital of Culture 2011 concurrently with Tallinn, Estonia. This means that the city is full of activities all year. For further information, see <http://www.turku2011.fi/en/>.



For more information about Turku, visit <http://www.turku.fi>

For more information about Finland in general, visit <http://www.finland.fi>

## Travel documents, Visa

Check the required travel documents by country on <http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15716&contentlan=2&culture=en-US>

## Electricity

Electrical voltage is 230V AC, 50 Hz. Power sockets are of Type F.



**Contact and additional information**

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